

PRES. BONILLA IS A FUGITIVE

Nicaraguan Forces Have Captured Choluteca. Beating Hondurans.

BONILLA ESCAPED TO SALVADOR

Santos Ramirez, Director-General of Telegraphs, Says the War Is Ended—U. S. and Mexico May Bring Hostilities to a Close.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, March 24.—Santos Ramirez, director-general of telegraphs and telephones, to-day made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"The Nicaraguan forces have captured Choluteca, Honduras, which was held by the Honduran and Salvadoran troops, and President Bonilla has fled by boat. Steamers will pursue the fugitive President. I believe the war is ended."

The government is without further advice concerning the capture of Choluteca, but details are expected shortly. Choluteca is the most strongly fortified town of Honduras. It is about 100 miles from the Gulf of Fonseca. It was here, some years ago, that ex-President Vasquez was defeated by allied revolutionists and Nicaraguans.

News Is Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—President Bonilla has fled from the battlefield and the Central American War has practically ended, according to cables dispatched received in Washington to-day by the Nicaraguan Minister, Mr. Corea. The fall of the Honduras capital, Tegucigalpa, to-morrow is predicted by the Nicaraguan secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ramirez.

The cablegram from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs follows: "Choluteca taken, Salvadoran and Honduran combined armies defeated. President Bonilla hidden in San Lorenzo with two hundred men. Sent steamers to capture them. General Peabody will be taken to-morrow. General Ramirez, director-general of telegraphs and telephones, sends this message: 'It is my opinion that the war is terminated. Bonilla has fled from Choluteca to sail.'"

Flees to Salvador.

When shown the Associated Press dispatch might announce that President Bonilla had fled from Honduras by boat, Minister Corea expressed the opinion that the fugitive President would go to Salvador and again recruit his army for a second attack on Nicaragua unless the United States and Mexico exercise their good offices to the extent of making Salvador and Guatemala maintain neutrality. If this is done Mr. Corea says the war is ended, otherwise he is firmly convinced that it will not be a question of a short time until hostilities are again resumed. The Nicaraguan minister to-morrow will ask Secretary Root and the Mexican Ambassador to order the same steps to force Salvador and Guatemala to keep their neutrality pledge.

TROOPS ORDERED TO PROTECT NEGRO

Captain Larkin Commanded to Accompany Mitchell to Alexandria.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 24.—Captain T. M. Larkin, of Company L, Seventeenth Virginia Volunteers, of this city, has been ordered by Governor Swanson, through Adjutant-General Anderson, to act with his company as escort to City Sergeant Cox, of Alexandria, who will take George S. Mitchell, confined in jail here charged with the murder of C. T. Smith, in Alexandria, to that city to-morrow for trial. There is strong feeling in Alexandria against the negro, and the presence of the military is to prevent any possible attempt at lynching.

FOREST FIRE IN PATRICK IS STILL RAGING

DANVILLE, Va., March 24.—The forest fire, which broke out near Stuart, the county seat of Patrick county, and which spread southeast through that county to Critz, is believed to be still raging, though no advice from the scene of the conflagration were obtainable to-day. The fire has resulted in heavy loss of property, including the burning of valuable timber land and farm houses.

PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS, WHO HAS BECOME A FUGITIVE



MANUEL BONILLA.

1,000 BULLETS FIRED IN BODY OF ASSAILANT

Negro Who Attempted to Assault Mrs. Rice Confessed Crime.

FLORENCE, ALA., March 24.—Cleveland Harding, the negro, who attempted to assault Mrs. Ben Rice near here Friday, and who was driven off by Mrs. Rice's shepherd dog, was summarily executed to-day by a mob of over 300 persons. Tied to a tree, with his arms up, the negro was riddled with bullets, the first shot, it is said, being fired by Rice, following which every man in the crowd emptied his revolver at the prisoner. Over 1,000 shots were fired. The negro was captured to-day half a mile below town and was taken before Mrs. Rice, who fainted at sight of him. Upon recovering she fully identified her assailant and on being asked what should be done with him, told the negro's captors to do as they thought best. Harding made no attempt to shield his identity. The sheriff overtook the crowd before the lynching, but his appeals were unavailing.

Beyond confessing his guilt, the negro had nothing to say and was stolidly indifferent, it seemed, to his fate. The body was left tied to the tree by the mob, members of which made no attempt to shield their identity. The sheriff overtook the crowd before the lynching, but his appeals were unavailing.

Spotless Town.

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RICHMOND TO BE CITY BEAUTIFUL

United Effort to Cleanse, Brighten and Illumine Is Planned.

WILL ENTERTAIN THOUSANDS SOON

Contingent Fund for Official Entertaining — Improvement of Street Cleaning and Illumination, Repainting and Beautifying Homes.

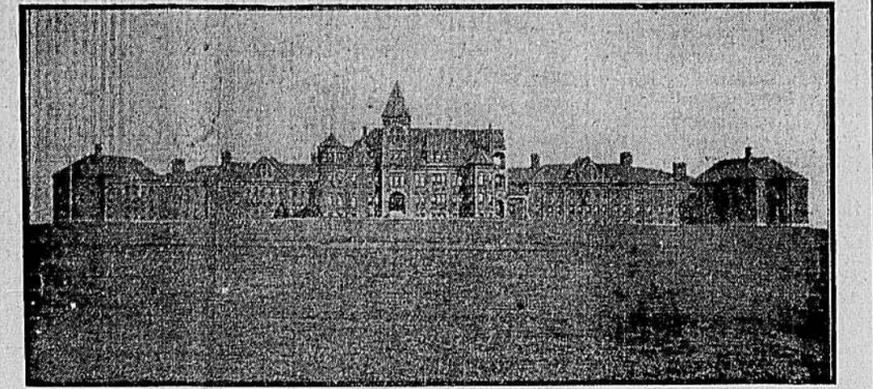
The city of Richmond is beginning to awaken to the necessity and duty of preparing for its splendid opportunities of advertisement and development afforded by the Jamestown Exposition, now almost here. Although the exposition is to be held on the shores of Hampton Roads, the site is within two hours' ride of Richmond, and the historic capital of the oldest Commonwealth will be no less a point of interest to visitors than the big show itself. Indeed, it is practically assured that there will be from May on to December as many visitors to Richmond as she can accommodate. In order that the city may make the best possible impression upon the people from all over this continent, who are to be its guests, it will be necessary for much to be done, and for all to co-operate. The municipal government may be counted upon to do its part, and its representatives in the Council, the majority and all departments are preparing to do their duty fully. Already a meeting has been held preliminary to definite arrangements for entertaining and for the illumination, cleansing and beautification of the already orderly and beautiful city.

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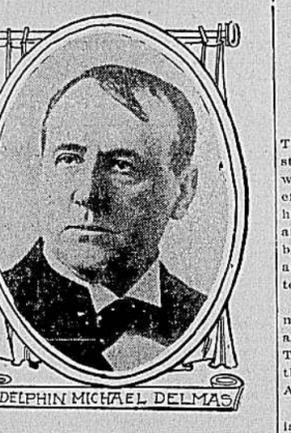
STRONG MEN IN THAW CASE AND MATTEAWAN ASYLUM A TERROR TO HARRY THAW



WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME.



JUDGE JAS. FITZGERALD.



DELPHIN MICHAEL DELMAS.

HIGGINS CERTAIN; OTHERS DOUBTFUL

Parkkeeper Positively Identifies Negro Hall, But Women Say He's Not Right Man.

APPEARS IN COURT TO-DAY.

It is now up to the negro William Hall to prove an alibi to escape severe punishment on the charge of attempting to assault two little Church Hill girls last Thursday morning near Lyby Hill Park. The prisoner claims that he was in Keyesville at the time of the occurrence. When the case comes up in the Police Court this morning, the only witness against the negro will be Parkkeeper Higgins, who declares he is positive the man in custody is the same who resisted arrest on Thursday morning and assaulted him in making his escape. Several ladies of the neighborhood and the two little girls went to the station-house yesterday afternoon to identify the man, but not one of them could swear that he was the man wanted. On the contrary, they were all of the opinion that he was not the man.

Bought Ticket.

The negro himself states that he bought a ticket in Keyesville for Baltimore, and that he was not in Richmond on the day of the attempted assault.

A telegram was sent to Keyesville yesterday, and the reply showed that the man had secured a ticket at that place on Friday. He will now have to prove that he was in the town on Thursday, and that he did not go from there to that place on that day after the alleged attempted assault on the girls.

Mr. Higgins is so positive that Hall is the right man, and the other witnesses are so positive he is not, that it is likely the case will go over in the Police Court this morning, so that further information may be secured from Keyesville.

Captain Barfoot will maintain the close guard he has kept over the negro, and a special detail will be on hand at the First Station until he is sent to court this morning.

GARRISON HITS AT SOUTHERNERS

At a Boston Mass-Meeting He Speaks on "Race Hatred and Lynching."

CONGRESSMEN RETURN FROM PANAMA CANAL

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 24.—A party of Congressmen, who have been inspecting the Panama Canal, arrived in the Mississippi River to-day on the steamship Ellis from Colon. The Ellis is expected to dock in this city, either to-night or early in the morning.

RIOT IN MOROCCO WAS DANGEROUS

Mob Attacked Europeans and Besieged Them in Their Houses.

BRITISH CONSUL KILLED TWO

TANGIER, March 24.—Later dispatches received from Morocco City say that the assassination there of Dr. Mauchamp, who was connected with the French geodetic mission, was followed by a general attack upon the Europeans besieged in their houses, and that the British consular agent was forced to fire, killing two persons. The Pasha finally sent troops, who drove off the mob. The troops are still guarding the houses, although calm has been restored.

Paris Excited.

PARIS, March 24.—Public opinion is greatly excited over the assassination at Morocco City of Dr. Mauchamp, who was connected with the French geodetic mission, which it is regarded should be the signal for a total change in the French policy in North Africa. The Temps urges the abandonment of the "habby policy" in Morocco. The paper rehearses a long list of outrages on Frenchmen, reparation for which, it says, was never exacted.

Hot Wave Broken

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Weather Bureau to-night announced that the hot wave has been broken in the East and throughout the Ohio Valley, though the summer-like weather will continue in the South and Southwest for several days. According to official advice received at the Weather Bureau, it is snowing to-day in Albany, N. Y., and in many parts of New England. The highest point reached by the thermometer here to-day was eighty-five degrees, at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 9 o'clock to-night the mercury had dropped to fifty-five degrees. Professor Frankfield predicts that there will now be several weeks of cool weather.

THAW ASSERTS THAT HE IS SANE

He Denies Rumor That There Is Dissension Among Counsel.

JEROME SAYS PRISONER IS CRAZY

Says He Has Not Changed His Opinion Since Reading Affidavits Filed by Counsel. Expects Commission to Be Appointed Wednesday.

JEROME EXPECTS COMMISSION. "My opinion that Thaw is now crazy and should not be on trial for his life has undergone no change since reading these affidavits. I certainly expect a commission to settle this point definitely." (Jerome's remarks upon reading affidavits filed by Thaw's counsel.)

NEW YORK, March 24.—Harry K. Thaw to-night made public another statement, this time denying a rumor which he believes is current to the effect that there is dissension among his counsel. He also refers to the affidavits filed with Justice Fitzgerald by his attorneys, in opposition to the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine him.

A. Russell Peabody, who gave the matter to the press after he had had a conference with other members of Thaw's counsel, designated it as: "The third statement issued by Thaw since August 10th last." It follows: "I wish to deny the rumor that there is dissension among my counsel. Owing to the limited time affidavits were prepared simultaneously at the office of Mr. Delmas and of Messrs. Hart-ridge and Peabody. Four that were completed March 22d at the latter's office were transmitted to the former, and all of that date were printed together under Mr. Delmas's supervision. Those made March 23d were brought to me, as I was nearest the court."

Affidavits Eminently Proper. "I examined the last four, from Messrs. Hart-ridge and Peabody, and one from Mr. Delmas's office and found them eminently satisfactory. This method was sanctioned by Mr. Delmas. Had I considered that anything in these last affidavits might be considered inappropriate for this occasion they would have been withdrawn for the time and corrected under Mr. Delmas's direction. My mother sent her exceedingly clear affidavit Friday morning to be copied at the office of Messrs. Hart-ridge and Peabody, and proceeded there later to affix her signature under oath. "It was written by her at her hotel with no suggestions from any one who was present and is filed exactly as she prepared it."

The monotony of Thaw's Sunday at the Tombs was broken by an unexpected visit from his wife. This was the first since his detention that the prisoner was allowed to receive callers other than his counsel on Sunday.

Mrs. Thaw had come to the Tombs with a message for her husband, and was agreeably surprised when told that she might visit him. The two were together for a half-hour, and when Mrs. Thaw left she said:

Thaw Is Hopeful.

"Harry is in excellent health, and is sure that everything will come out in his favor. The prisoner's attorneys did not visit him to-day. During the afternoon, which he devoted chiefly to his correspondence, Thaw received a note from Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly, explaining that none of the legal staff would call during the day, and stating that Mr. Hart-ridge and the writer were busily engaged in preparing briefs to be presented to Justice Fitzgerald to-morrow."

District Attorney Jerome and his chief assistant on the Thaw case were at their offices to-day, and Mr. Jerome for about two hours dictated to stenographers a long statement which took them until late in the day to transcribe. Mr. Jerome said it was a statement to be submitted to Justice Fitzgerald and would not be given out in advance of its presentation to the court.

The district attorney would not say that this statement was to be used in rebutting the statements sworn to by Thaw's mother, his lawyers and his

NEW MOUNTED POLICE FORCE OF RICHMOND READY FOR ALL EMERGENCIES.

